

Appl. No. : 10/688,197
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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed August 31, 2005, Applicant has amended the application as above. No new matter is added by the amendments as discussed below. Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

Discussion of Specification Amendments

The related application section has been amended to update the parent application information. Pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion, the abstract has been amended to reflect the currently claimed inventions. Thus, the specification amendments do not introduce any new matter to the application. Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the amendments.

Discussion of Claim Amendments

Claims 1-3, 8-10, 12 and 14 have been amended. Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. The amendments to the claims are merely for clarification or conform them to U.S. practice, and do not narrow the scope of protection. Furthermore, no new matter is added by the amendments. Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the amendments.

Discussion of Certified English Translation of Priority Application

The Examiner indicated that Applicant is required to submit a certified English translation of the foreign priority application. In reply, Applicant herewith submits a requested document.

Discussion of Specification Objections

The Examiner objected to the disclosure because the parent application information has not been updated. In response, the related application section has been amended accordingly.

The Examiner also objected to the abstract. In response, Applicant has amended the abstract. Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

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Discussion of Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to Claims 1-3, 8-10, 12 and 14 because of some informalities. In response, as reflected in the "Amendments to the Claims" section, Applicant has amended those claims as suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

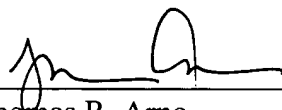
CONCLUSION

In view of Applicant's amendments to the application and the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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